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1. GKR FOREIGN MINISTERY SECRETARY GENERAL (NGUON CHHAY KRY) INFORMS US GKR DELEGATION FOR RICE TALKS WITH THAI EARLY NEXT WEEK IS MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:
FOREIGM MINISTER LONG BORET
MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER CHHAN SOKHUM (WILL WILL BE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER DURING LONG BORET'S ABSENCE AT UNGA)
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY SOPHON SARASY
PRESE
NT/DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SONEXIM LY KIM HENG

2. DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE BANGKOK SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 ON AIR VIETNAM OR AIR CMABODGE AND WILL BE IN BANGKOK THROUGH MONDAY AND TUESDAY, WITH LONG BORET DEPARTING FOR LONDON VIA PANAM VERY EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 12.
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3. SECRETARY GENERAL STATED CABLE HAD BEEN SENT TO GKR AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY INSTURCTING HIM TO ENDEAVOR ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH MARSHAL THANOM AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN. EMBREP NOTED IMPORTANCE OF DELEGATION ALSO TALKING TO COLONEL NARONG. SECRETARY GENERAL SAID NARONG' FAMILY TIES, RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS RICE TRANSACTION, AND ASSURANCES OF WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL TO KHMER EMERGENCY NEEDS, WERE WELL UNDERSTOOD BY GKR WHICH, HOWEVER, STILL FOUND IN PRACTICE THATTHERE WERE THAI OBSTACLES EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

4. DRAWING FROM REF C AND EARLIER BANGKOK MESSAGES, EMBREP SAID THAT OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK WAS COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH GKR EMBASSY AND HE REITERATED THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT FOR GKR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RICE FROM RTG.

5. SECRETARY GENERAL STATED THAT LY KIM HENG WOULD BE PREPARRED TO HANDLE ANY FOLLOW-UP FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PAPER WORK, AS WELL AS PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.

6. COMMENT: WE PLAN TO SEND CHARLES R. WEDEN OF OUR ECON SECTION TO BANGKOK FOR DURATION OF GKR MESSION'S VISIT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE BRIEF EMBASSY AND RTG AS NECESSARY AND ASSIST IN COORDINATION. WEDEN THOROUGHTLY FAMILIAR RICE SITUATION AND IS MEMBER JOINT RICE COMMITTEE HERE.

7. CHARGE AND ENCOMIC COUNSELOR WILL MEET TOMORROW MORNING SEPTEMBER 7 WITH GKR DELEGATION TO REVIEW TACTICS.
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